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Plainfield Agriculture Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday April 26, 2021

7:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Time: Chairperson Jennie Kapszukiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Members Present: Vernon Gray, Jr., Sherry Harmon, Jennie Kapszukiewicz

Absent: Mike Desjardins, Jo-Ann Desrochers

Alternates Present: Chris Barber – Jennie appointed Chris to be a voting member for the meeting

Absent: None (2 alternate vacancies)

Public Present: None.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Barber moved to accept the meeting minutes from March 22, 2021 with the correction that it was a regular meeting, not a special meeting. Sherry Harmon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business:

a. Small Group Updates

1. **Community Outreach** – No formal update, but Vernon gave an update on his special farm project. Last Sunday, he elicited the help of his Boy Scout Troup to search for the Locke Farm/Cemetery off of Spaulding Road. They located 6 cellar holes, but did not locate a cemetery. Sherry suggested to reach out to Plainfield Grave Guardian for more support. Jason Bowns is in charge of this cemetery group, Michael Passmore is also involved with cemetery cleanup. Spaulding Family/Parke Family and one other family cemetery are located in this area.
2. **Scholarship and Fundraising** – Jennie reviewed that the due date is May 17, 2021. Commission members will select the 2021 recipient at the May meeting.
3. **Winter Market** – No update.
4. **Right to Farm** – No update.

5. **Farmers Market** – No update.

- b. **Community Events** (events attended, upcoming events, agricultural highlights)
- Sherry Harmon participated in the Seed Library Summit, which took place this past last weekend. It provided a how to start a seed library and everything.
 - Plainfield Cemetery cleanup will take place May 2 at the Old Plainfield Cemetery on Cemetery Round – Organized by Plainfield Grave Guardian in conjunction with the New England Historic Cemetery Restoration Project.
 - Plow days – Jennie attended a horse plowing day at Ron Gluck’s in Hampton on April 18th, Fort Hill Farms had an ox plow day April 24th.
 - Besty’s Farm Stand – will have an ox plow day at the farm stand on May 1 from 10-2.
 - Vernon reported that they got about 10 gallons of Maple syrup from about 700 gallons of sap, which is a pretty good sap to syrup ratio.

New Business: No new business

Public Comment: No new business

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Plainfield Agriculture Commission will be a regular meeting on Monday May 24, 2021 outside at the Plainfield Town Hall under the pavilion at 7:00 pm. A link will also be provided.

Adjournment: Vernon Gray moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Sherry Harmon seconded the motion. All in favor; motioned carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennie Kapszukiewicz, Chair